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The Office of the Vice-Rector, Academic and The Centre for International Academic Cooperation cordially invite you to attend the sixth conference of this year's series entitled:

## Democracy: Jordan and the Arab World A President's Perspective

presented by

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The lecture will assess the historical background of the process of democratization in Jordan. It will touch on the hostile environment toward democracy in the Middle East during the fifties and early sixties of this century followed by the withering away of the Arab nationalism to be substituted by Islamism. What is the impact of the breakdown of the socialist systems in Eastern Europe on Arab politics and society? The social, economic and political dimensions of the political climate in Jordan will also be reviewed including a discussion of the last elections in Jordan and their implications on the Arab World.

In conclusion, the lecture will reflect on the prospects of democratization both in Jordan and in the Arab World, since His Majesty King Hussein is now leading the movement of democracy in the Arab World on behalf of the Arab masses, the deprived and the poor.



Wednesday, November 25, 1992

**Time:** 18:00

followed by a question period and reception

Place:

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